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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

April 22, 1971

The Council on Academic Affairs held a meeting at 10:00 a.m. in Room 128, Booth Library.

Members present: Mr. Keppler, Mr. Pence, Mr. Pranske, Miss A. Radke, Mrs. M. Shuff, Mr. Taber, Mr. R. Weidner, Mr. T. Weidner, and Mr. Moody, ex officio member. Absent: Mr. J. Connelly, Mrs. Howell, and Mr. Lindberg.

I. Welcome to New Members.

Mr. Keppler, Chairman of the Council, welcomed the new members.

II. Minutes of April 15.

The minutes were approved as published.

III. Communications.

1. From Dean Merigis - Inquiry concerning notation in the April 1 minutes - April 14.
2. From Vice President Moody - Copy of letter to Dr. Morton (4/16/71) and Dr. Morton's reply (4/19/71) concerning Eastern's autonomy in stipulating general education requirements.
3. From Dean Taber - Concerning Agenda Item 71-17 (request to reduce credit in Home Ec. 420) - April 19.
4. From Dr. Arlen Fowler - Concerning action taken on Agenda Item 71-15 (modification for proficiency in English 120) - April 21.
5. From Drs. Ridgeway, Franklin, P. Foreman, and Messrs. James Johnson and Morris - Concerning action taken on Agenda Item 71-15 with a request that the item be reconsidered - April 22.

IV. Voting Procedures of the Council.

Mr. Pence moved and Mr. Pranske seconded the motion that all voting on motions will be in executive session only. The motion carried to become effective immediately. Voting was:

Yes - Keppler, Pence, Pranske, Radke, Shuff, Taber, and
T. Weidner

No - R. Weidner

V. Request to Reduce Credit in Home Ec. 420 - (Agenda Item 71-17).

Action was deferred pending clarification concerning the scheduling of Home Ec. 320 and 420.

VI. Election of Officers for the Council.

By consensus the election of the chairman and the vice chairman of the Council was postponed until the next meeting when possibly all members will be present.

VII. Modification for Proficiency in English 120 - (old Agenda Item 71-15).

Dr. Arlen Fowler was present to state his feelings on the recent action of the Council in reversing its earlier decision.

Bob Perry and several members of the Afro-American Association were present and testified concerning the modification for proficiency in English 120.

Mr. Pranske moved and Mr. R. Weidner seconded the motion to reconsider the proposal to modify the requirements for proficiency in English 120. The motion carried by common agreement.

Written communications, both pro and con, concerning this item will be welcomed. The communications should be addressed to Dr. Keppler, Chairman of the CAA. One hour of the meeting, scheduled to be held on May 6, will be reserved for reconsideration of this item.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Mary McElwee
Recording Secretary

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING

Room 128, Booth Library
April 29, 1971 - 10:00 a.m.

Agenda:

70-53. Credit for courses for students withdrawing due to active military duty.

71-17. Request for reduction of credit for Home Ec. 420.

*71-15. Reconsideration of modification for proficiency in English 120.

* for May 7, 1971, agenda.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

To Vice President Moody
Subject Memo - Dean Merigis

Date 19 April 1971
From Bill Keppler - Zoology

Dear Dr. Moody:

Please find enclosed a copy of a memorandum Dean Merigis sent me on 14 April 1971, which I received on Friday concerning the CAA's consideration of the establishment of a new administrative post that of Academic Liaison.

I must confess I do not quite see his point since the CAA never rendered an opinion negative or affirmative.

I responded to him and reread carefully our minutes.
I enclose a copy for your records.

Sincerely,
Bill

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EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

To Dr. Harry Merigis, Dean,
School of Education
Subject MEMO L ACADEMIC LIAISON

Date 10 April 1971
From Bill Keppeler - Zoology

Dear Dr. Merigis:

Thank you for your memorandum of 14 April 1971 with regard to the discussion the Council of Academic Affairs had on 1 April 1971, concerning the possible creation of a new administrative position that of Academic Liaison who should serve as academic adviser to the COTE, CGS, and to the CAA.

If you would be so kind to reread our minutes of 1 April 1971, you will see the CAA made no decision - affirmative or negative. The Council merely discussed the idea proposed by student member, Mr. Ray Franke. Therefore the COTE and CGS are certainly free to consider this possibility should they so desire. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,
Bill Keppeler

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

To Mr. Keppler

Date April 14, 1971

Subject _____

From Harry J. Merigis

I note in the minutes of COA dated 1 April 1971 that Mr. Pranske proposes a new administrative position that would affect the Council on Teacher Education, among others. If such a position is to be given serious consideration, I believe it appropriate that consideration be given by the three councils concerned, rather than for the Council on Academic Affairs to attempt to make a decision affecting the other councils.

sj

Received 4-16-71
Recorded 4-19-71

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DR. BEN L. MORTON
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Dr. Peter R. Moody
Provost and Vice President
for Academic Affairs
Eastern Illinois University
Charleston, Illinois 61920

Dear Dr. Moody:

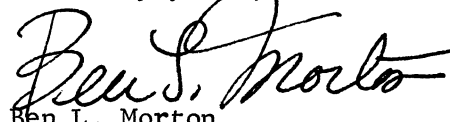
I am responding to your letter concerning the statement on institutional academic autonomy. I note that you have requested that I bring this statement to the attention of the Board of Governors.

As you are undoubtedly well aware, the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities has not to date directly concerned itself with such matters. By the process of omission it has left such concerns in the hands of the campus people. As far as I know, there is no propensity to do otherwise at the present time.

Apparently you feel that a specific statement by the Board of Governors is necessary as a response to the recommendation adopted by the Board of Higher Education. It seems to me that in light of the history in this regard what you have done constitutes a kind of red flag to some people. As you may know, there well may be legislation introduced which would mandate the transfer process. Indeed, such has been the case in other states.

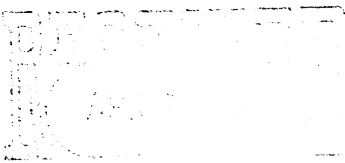
In substance, I think the question you raise is so serious that I would not be prepared to take such a statement as you propose to the Board without full discussion in the Council of Presidents and other components of our system. President Doudna, of course, has the right to do so on a unilateral basis if he wishes.

Sincerely yours,


Ben L. Morton
Executive Officer

CC: President Doudna
Other Presidents

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16 April 1971

Dr. Ben Morton
Executive Officer
Board of Governors
222 College Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Dr. Morton:

The Council on Academic Affairs of Eastern Illinois University requests that you bring to the attention of the Board of Governors the following statement formulated yesterday by the Council:

In the opinion of the Council on Academic Affairs, it is the right and responsibility of the university to determine requirements for the degrees which it confers. Therefore, Eastern Illinois University should retain its autonomy in stipulating general education requirements for its students, whether native or transfer.

As one of its primary responsibilities, this faculty Council makes recommendations concerning general requirements for each undergraduate degree. Its resolution is a reaction to "A Resolution on Transfer Equivalency of the Junior-Community College Associate Degree in Baccalaureate Sequences," reported approved by the Board of Higher Education at its meeting on 1 December 1970. As you know, that resolution requested universities "to declare that a transfer student in good standing, who has completed an associate degree based on baccalaureate-oriented sequences to be transferred from a Junior-Community College in Illinois be considered a) to have attained junior standing and; b) to have met lower division general education requirements of senior institutions."

Sincerely,

Peter R. Moody
Provost and Vice President
for Academic Affairs

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cc: President Doudna
Dr. Keppler
Dr. Manbeck